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SUBJ: SOVIETS CONTINUE PUBLIC BALANCING ON ME

1. SUMMARY. AUTHORITATIVE PRAVDA COMMENTARY
FOLLOWS RESTRAINED LINE OF SOVIET OFFICIAL STATEMENTS
ON ME CONFLICT, OMITTING ANY REFERENCE TO U.S.
INVOLVEMENT AND TREATING WAR AS ARAB -ISRAELI
AFFAIR. OTHER PRESS ITEMS REPORT U.S. VOLUNTEERS
AND U.S. ARMS SHIPMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. OCTOBER 11 PRAVDA ARTICLE, OVER
AUTHORITATIVE "COMMENTATOR" BYLINE, SAYS WAR IS
RESULT OF ISRAELI REFUSAL SINCE 1967 TO ACCEPT
IMPLEMENTATION OF UNSC AND UNGA RESOLUTIONS ON
ME AND ISRAELI RELIANCE ON "LANGUAGE OF FORCE" TO
BRING ABOUT ARAB CAPITULATION. PRESENT SITUATION
ACCORDING TO WRITER STEMS FROM SIX YEARS OF ISRAELI
"PROVOCATION AND TERROR" AGAINST ARABS AND EFFORTS OF
ISRAEL TO TURN "AGGRESSION INTO ANNEXATION."

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3. ON SOVIET POSITION PRAVDA QUOTES BOTH SOVIET GOVERNMENT STATEMENT (OCTOBER 7) AND BREZHNEV STATEMENT (OCTOBER 8), AND STATES THAT U.S.S.R.SUPPORTS CAUSE OF ARABS IN PURSUING PERMANENT PEACE SETTLEMENT ON BASIS OF "RESOLUTIONS" OF UNSC AND UNGA. AUTHOR SAYS THAT SOLUTION TO ME CRISIS MUST INCLUDE END TO ISRAELI AGGRESSION, ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS (IN ANOTHER PLACE HE SAYS "ALL TERRITORIES") AND A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT TAKING ACCOUNT OF LEGAL RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF ALL PEOPLE OF REGION INCLUDING PALESTINIANS.

4. ARTICLE DOES NOT MENTION U.S. AND MAKES ONLY OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO SUPPORTERS OF ISREAL AS "REACTIONARY IMPERIALIST FORCES." IN SEPARATE PRESS ITEMS OCTOBER 11, PRAVDA CARRIES TASS REPORT THAT "ZIONIST CIRCLES" IN THE U.S. ARE RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FROM AMONG AMERICAN JEWS TO GO TO ISRAEL, AND ALSO FEATURES REPORT THAT ISRAEILI BOEING 707 WAS SECRETLY LOADING U.S. ARMS FOR SHIPMENT TO ISRAEL. DUBS

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